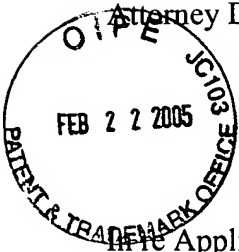


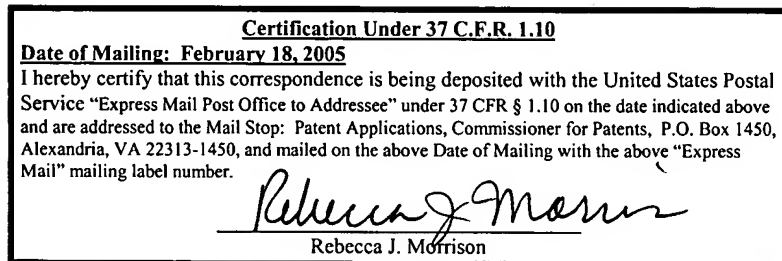
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 18, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the Claims in view of the following amendments to the Claims and comments as set forth below.